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TAGS: ELAB, ETRN, AS, PINT

SUBJ: MARITIME BAN

REF: MELBOURNE 676; SYDNEY 1763 & PREVIOUS

1. PACIFIC FAR EAST LINES REPORTED THAT STRONG STEVEDORING CO. OF MELBOURNE, WHO HANDLE PFEL SHIPS, HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY A.F. BULL, SECRETARY OF THE VICTORIAN BRANCH OF THE WATERSIDE WORKERS FEDERATION, THAT THE BAN AGAINST AMERICAN FLAG SHIPS HAD BEEN REIMPOSED. THE NOTICE SAID THAT THE WWF AND TWELVE OTHER UNIONS WOULD NOT HANDLE THE PFEL "CHINA BEAR" DUE IN MELBOURNE NEXT WEEK SINCE NO WORD HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS.
2. PFEL REPORTED THAT CONTACTS WITH HAROLD SOUTER OF THE ACTU HAD BEEN NON-COMMITTAL EVEN THOUGH PREVIOUSLY HE HAD ASSURED PFEL AND OTHERS THAT THE ACTU WOULD EFFECTIVELY SHUFFLE QUESTION OF BAN WITHIN ACTU UNTIL AFTER AUGUST 15 DEADLINE ON HALT TO CAMBODIAN BOMBING.
3. PFEL REPORTS THAT THE "CHINA BEAR" IS DUE SYDNEY,  
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JULY 31, NEWCASTLE AUGUST 1, AND MELBOURNE AUGUST 3.

ALTHOUGH THIS SCHEDULE PRESENTLY HOLDS, RESCHEDULING TO BURNIE AND HOBART IS BEING CONTEMPLATED PENDING DETERMINATION OF SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION AT MELBOURNE ON ARRIVAL OF "CHINA BEAR". PFEL HAS NOTIFIED THEIR HEAD OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO ASKING ADVISE.

4. FARRELL LINES REPORTS THAT THEIR SHIP "AUSTRAL ENVOY" IS DUE SYDNEY AUGUST 1, AND HAD PLANNED SCHEDULE TO MELBOURNE. FARRELL HAS NOTIFIED THEIR NEW YORK OFFICE OF REIMPOSITION OF BAN REQUESTING ADVICE.  
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